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Research Triangle High School

## Minutes

### Monthly Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday April 15, 2020 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

RTHS Board Room

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Due to the statewide COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be held as a Zoom video teleconference.

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#### Directors Present

A. Quigley (remote), C. Mugge (remote), C. Rao (remote), E. Cunningham (remote), G. Rodgers (remote), M. Johnson (remote), S. McMullan (remote), T. Medhin (remote), V. Vojnovich (remote)

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## **Directors Absent**

S. Rivers-Kobler

## **Guests Present**

E. Grunden (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

G. Rodgers called a meeting of the board of directors of Research Triangle High School to order on Wednesday Apr 15, 2020 at 5:38 PM.

### **C. Approve Minutes from last Board Meeting**

V. Vojnovich made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting (Part 2) on 03-25-20.

C. Mugge seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **D. Monthly Finance Report**

- Received money for COVID-19
- Otherwise, nothing major or significant changes in the budget

### **E. Vote to accept Consent Agenda above**

V. Vojnovich made a motion to approve the minutes from Monthly Board Meeting (Part 2) on 03-25-20.

C. Mugge seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **II. CEO ACTIONS**

### **A. CSO REPORT**

- following state's directions and guidelines for graduation requirements
- trying to make the current system work better; working with students to minimize their anxiety
- students are learning the content; shifting the focus on project work - hope is that they will be able to learn better; doing the best to present the content in a way easy for them to learn; keeping the essence of personalized learning; concept of independent learning

continues; under the circumstances, project work seems to be the best option to facilitate learning

- On-line prom
  - June 6: Graduation; prepared for it and will be on schedule, if permissible
  - Reopening school: Depends on state legislature's decision; Couple of possibilities if we have to open on May 15 - looking at several options; some parents may be reluctant to bring their kids
  - Potential budget cuts in fall
  - Paycheck Protection Program: Less than 500 employees in a nonprofit qualify for loan; Forgivable loan; some charter schools are applying for it; RTHS could potentially qualify;
  - Found out the mechanics for gym expense; LOI to BBT to give some projections; borrowing limits; how it impacts financial status of RTHS; productive meeting with BBT
- V. Vojnovich made a motion to approve school to apply for PPP loan.

C. Mugge seconded the motion.

- to look into it in detail and understand thoroughly the ramifications before using the money, if application is granted

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **III. Academic Excellence**

#### **A. Materials from Committee Meeting**

Overview of state guidelines:

- Guidance on handling this period; RTHS different as a school compared to other schools; meet the criteria for remote learning, then you can treat it is regular instructional days; RTHS is set up for this and can meet it - so different from other schools
- Seniors who have not reached the 60% threshold (state guidelines), work with them
- 9-11 grade students are continuing as before
- EOC tests have been suspended; No final exams this year
- Students are trained to be independent learners; working well during this time
- In Fall, do a review of students who could not cover any project and work with them
- Working on informing students where there are at in their studies; trying times and this will help them know accurately how they are doing

### **IV. Development**

#### **A. Progress on 2019-20 Development Committee Goals**

- A Credit Suisse employee has expressed interest in joining RTHS Board
- New pitch book for potential partners
- Adding all parents to Bloomerang (CRM tool)
- Fundraising campaign for Gym: on hold due to current situation
- Main fundraising campaign: Food to distribute to families - need of the moment

### **V. Governance**

**A. Minutes from Committee Meeting**

**B. Board Recruitment Process and Discussion**

- Reaching out to individual Board members to talk about Board recruiting
- Get a few Board volunteers to talk to potential Board members - F2F meeting/phone; establish a process for this

**C. Board Orientation Documents / Board Expectations**

- Mr. Eric Grunden to provide information about RTHS; packet with details for potential Board members to get familiar with school
- To have continuity of term, serve in a role for a minimum of two years - this would be applicable to those in officer position or Chair of committees; look at changing the Bylaws

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Rodgers

S. McMullan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

C. Rao seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.